

Will homes put pressure on services?

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CONCERNS have been raised over plans to build up to 91 homes in a South Derbyshire village.

Councillor Steve Taylor spoke out after it was revealed plans were submitted to build a new housing development off Butt Lane and east of Hepworth Road, in Woodville.

Applicant Swan Strategic Ltd wants to build 63 homes and 28 rented accommodation units on the 8.5 acres of agricultural land, along with 182 car parking spaces.

The application has been submitted to North West Leicestershire District Council as the land is situated in Blackfordby.

However, Mr Taylor, who represents Woodville on South Derbyshire District Council, said it would also affect Woodville, which borders the land. The applicant said the plans would “enhance” the area.

Mr Taylor said: “It is a Leicestershire community on the edge of South Derbyshire. It will be totally

Councillor Steve Taylor fears a new housing scheme off Butt Lane and east of Hepworth Road, Woodville, could increase traffic.



reliable on the services in South Derbyshire. There would be an impact on traffic and everyone knows the current traffic issues in Woodville. There is just no room.

“We would have thought North West Leicestershire has more sustainable locations.”

However, the applicant said that financial contributions would be

given to Derbyshire County Council to improve the often congested Clock Island as part of the plans.

A report said: “Derbyshire County Council will instead seek a proportionate financial contribution to improvements at the nearby Clock Island junction in Woodville.

“Such a contribution would be agreed and conditioned as part of

the planning approval process and would be combined with contributions from other local developments to provide appropriate local highway improvements.”

It said there was a possibility of getting money for local councils to spend on services.

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ity development that is well related in scale and form to Woodville and Blackfordby, having regard to the future housing needs of the area in general, the good range of services and facilities already present in Woodville and the opportunity to enhance the site’s contribution to the National Forest.”

Access is proposed from Butt Lane, but may be changed to Hepworth Road. The plans will be considered in the New Year.



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